

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-3 are amended. No new matter is added.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-13 contain allowable subject matter.

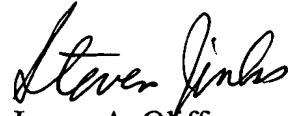
Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 1 was rejected because previously submitted claim 1 required each of the unit electrodes to include a plate-like ceramic body and a conductive film disposed inside the ceramic body and the unit electrodes further included a deficient unit electrode in which the conductive film is absent. The Office Action alleged that these features were contradictory. Claims 1-3 have been amended responsive to the rejection.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-13 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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